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SENATE MAY REACH VOTE LATE TODAY ON KITCHIN SUGAR REPEAL BILL

KEKAHA SUGAR COMPANY WILLING TO PAY TERRITORY BIG SUM FOR RIGHTS

Manager Faye Tells Governor Plantation Would Give \$200,000 in Outright Purchase of Mill Site at End of Present Lease—Also \$150,000 for 15-Year Lease of Government Lands—Official Party Investigating Kauai Problems—Progress Made Toward Settlement of Knotty Points

(Star-Bulletin Special by Mutual Wireless)
KEALIA, Maui, April 10.—Governor Pinkham and his official party visiting Kauai made a trip this morning to Anahola forest reserve, also to the Mahee railroad line and Kapahi valley. Land Commissioner Rivenburgh and Territorial Hydrographer Harrison are investigating the land and water situation. The governor expects to visit President Hans Leenberg of Lihue plantation and also to see Col. Z. S. Spalding of Mahee Sugar Company this afternoon.

(Star-Bulletin Staff Correspondence)
LIHUE, Kauai, April 9.—That the Kekaha Sugar Company would be willing to pay approximately \$200,000 in an outright purchase of the mill site at the end of the present lease in 1920, which site includes some 25 or 30 acres of land on which the mill, offices, shops and switches are now situated, and that the company would also be willing to pay an additional \$150,000 for Kekaha-Waimea government lands on a 15-year lease providing the ownership of the millsite was a settled fact, was stated to Governor Pinkham and territorial officials by Manager H. P. Faye last Friday.

The land lease expires next September at Kekaha was held in the main office at the territorial building. Through the open window the men talked, came the sweet scent of raw sugar and the hum of heavy machinery.

The conversation on both sides was free and easy, and the question of homesteads, water and land rights was discussed from some of its many angles.

Governor Asks Public Sentiment.
Governor Pinkham began the conversation by stating that he and his men had come to look over the situation first hand; to gain every bit of information they could from as many sources as possible.

He stated furthermore that he is bound down by the Organic Act, which allows that any 25 men may be heard if they petition for homestead rights in a certain district, regardless of what leases the government may have made regarding it.

Let us know as a people what we are about. This is the plea the governor makes. He has proposed that a big mass meeting be held in the Honolulu armory, and that there the land and water question be threshed out thoroughly.

Manager Faye is not in favor of homesteads taking the present land. He declared his willingness to help the homesteaders, however, if a suitable policy could be reached by the government.

Rights Very Valuable.
He stated that he was willing to pay \$100,000 for the mauka land and water rights—assurance of cane being given if his company is allowed the ownership of the mill by purchase after the old lease has expired.

Manager Faye says he believes that if the Kekaha cane lands are turned over to homesteaders the result would be a yield of 5000 tons per year instead of the present yield of 15,000 tons. He is sure that with ownership by the company the yield can be increased by storing more water in the mountains.

In answer to a query as to whether he considered it feasible for the territory to handle the distribution and regulation of water for homesteads, the sugar man replied emphatically in the negative.

One homestead would claim here and one there, he said, and regulation would be mighty hard.

God pity the man who is in charge of the distribution," he said.

Kekaha mill is making as few repairs or additions to machinery and equipment as it can get along with—this in view of the fact that its lease will soon expire.

"We did not put in one \$9000 piece not so long ago," he said, "but this was because we found it absolutely necessary for the work of the mill. For the most part we are avoiding this." Bound By 25-Year Rule.

Again Governor Pinkham spoke of the fact that the Organic Act holds him fast by its 25-year rule.

"We are between the devil and the deep sea," he laughed.

One of the facts brought out by the conversation was that the company is making about 35,000,000 gallons of water a day cover some 4500 acres of cane land.

The noon conference came following a busy morning, the governor and his party going from Lihue in the early morning out to Waimea, Kekaha and across government lands as far as the famous barking sands.

At Waimea a conference held by Superintendent Charles R. Forbes with W. O. Crew, owner of a small electric light plant which supplies light to at least 50 customers, resulted in the Waimea man being added to the list of those who must pay the public utilities fee of 120¢ of 1 per cent of the gross receipts of the concern.

"Bill" Hardy, ranger on Kauai for George K. Harrison, superintendent of hydrography, was added to the list of territorial officials, going along with the party in his Ford car through the Kekaha and barking sands districts.

Automobile troubles on this first day were scarce—one blowout and (Continued on page eight)

1915 FOR HAWN. COMMERCIAL IS A RECORD YEAR

Balance December 31 Last is \$1,418,000, and \$500,000 to Go for Improvements

LOSS IN MAUI STORM AMOUNTED TO \$200,000

In Spite of Bad Weather, 1917 Crop Will Be Banner One, Manager Predicts

With a 1916 crop of approximately 58,000 tons, a 1917 crop expected to be a record-breaker and a balance as of December 31, 1915, of \$1,418,000, Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company, the territory's biggest sugar producer, expects to spend half a million this year in improvements.

The annual meeting of the company will be held in San Francisco on Wednesday. Copies of the reports of President and Manager F. F. Baldwin and of the secretary and auditor have been received in advance and mailed out to stockholders. The report will be of general interest in Hawaii.

Manager Baldwin says: "The past year, due to the abnormal price of sugar, proved to be the most prosperous year in the history of the company.

"Climatic conditions were favorable to growing crops, although we were somewhat short of water during the summer months.

The Big Storm.
"We are having a very severe winter. On the 17th, 18th and 19th of Jan.

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BALLOU PILOTS NAVY LEAGUE IN LARGE MEETING

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 10.—The Navy League convened today for its 11th annual meeting here with representatives of every state in attendance.

Judge S. M. Ballou, attorney in Washington for the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association and prominent member of the League, presided this afternoon.

The president had been expected to be present but was kept in the White House by a cold which he caught while in the presidential yacht on the Potomac last week, and did not go to his office today.

TERRIBLE BURNS FROM EXPLOSION ON ASYLUM WORK

Manuel Monic, a guard at the hospital for the insane, aged 63, and Francisco Dina, an inmate, aged 25, both working on the new road work being done at the asylum, were painfully burned a few minutes after 12 o'clock today when some dynamite they were using exploded too soon.

Both men are at the Queen's Hospital and reports say their eyes have been burned out and their faces charred virtually beyond recognition. The accident occurred at the quarry.

FORBES AND STAINBACK RETURN FROM KAUAI

Charles R. Forbes and I. M. Stainback are back at the Capitol today from Kauai. Attorney-General Stainback went to Kauai with the governor as legal advisor. He took the first boat returning, saying that there was no call for his services.

Forbes had several investigations to conduct for the public utilities commission on the island, and although he is willing enough to talk about them, will not talk about what the governor is doing on Kauai.

Stainback said that he understood that the Lihue plantation was now willing to operate its railroad as a public utility, instead of as a private road, and would incorporate under the railroad act as soon as the governor wished.

The governor and his party planned to return on Tuesday's boat, getting back to Honolulu Wednesday morning, when the pair left. Mr. Stainback said that he understood that Land Commissioner Rivenburgh would accompany the governor on his trip to Maui next week.

Entire Repeal of Free Sugar Plan is Urged

Senator Simmons Speaks on Behalf of Extending Tariff to May 1, 1920, While Others Are Insistent on More Radical Action

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 10.—A vote on the Kitchen bill may be reached before recess tonight. It is thought possibly the debate will be concluded earlier than was expected.

Senator Simmons this afternoon introduced an amendment to impose a 5 per cent ad valorem duty on coal-tar dyes. It was rejected by a vote of 41 to 25.

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 10.—The Kitchen sugar bill, amended by the Senate to fix the period of tariff extension until May 1, 1920, was taken up in the Senate today as reported from the Senate finance committee.

Senator Simmons, chairman of the committee, advocated that the four-year limitation of the tariff, as reported by the committee, be adopted by the Senate.

Senator Francis G. Newlands of Nevada urged a straight-out and unequivocal repeal of the free-sugar clause of the present tariff law. He said action otherwise would prove valueless to the cane-growers.

Senator Charles S. Thomas of Colorado supported the simple extension of the tariff period.

Senator Charles Curtis of Kansas favored an indeterminate repeal of the free-sugar clause. He said the Democrats should acknowledge their error in passing this provision as part of the existing tariff law and should admit that the revenue provided by the sugar tariff is necessary.

Senator Robert Broussard of Louisiana spoke for absolute repeal of the clause.

Senator H. C. Lodge of Massachusetts spoke for amendment of the dyestuffs provisions of the tariff bill and Senator Underwood spoke in opposition to it.

The debate lagged a little in the Senate this afternoon and not much more is likely to occur until tomorrow.

C. S. ALBERT.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 10.—In opening the debate today on the sugar bill, Senator Simmons asserted that he calculated it would be but a temporary measure and necessary owing to the decrease in customs due to the war. Eventually, he said, conditions would warrant a return to a free-sugar policy.

GERMAN OFFICIAL CABLEGRAMS

The following cablegrams from official German sources were received today:

"German Headquarters, April 8.—Left bank Meuse: Silesian and Bavarian troops stormed two strong French points d'appui south of Hanau, took whole position on Ridge Termitz more than two kilometers wide. Enemy attempted this morning a counter attack which failed. German losses were small, the enemy's losses especially heavy, also on account of treacherous conduct of some."

"Besides this, 15 officers and 699 men, unarmored, were taken prisoner, among whom were numerous recruits of year 1916."

"On the heights on both sides of the Meuse and Woerwilly ridges of both sides was active. South of Sondernach, in the Vosges, small German detachment advanced into a French salient position. The occupants fell, except 21 who were prisoners. The enemy's trenches were blasted."

"East front: Russian attacks also yesterday were limited to a small front of section south of Narocz lake and were flatly repulsed."

YESTERDAY'S SITUATION.
"German Headquarters, April 9.—General situation in all war theaters unchanged."

"German admiralty reports that on April 8 four naval aeroplanes attacked the Russian aviation station of Papeesholm, near Kielkond, on the Oesel, and dropped 20 bombs on the station. Four Russian aeroplanes ascended for defense, but two of them were forced to land. In spite of violent shelling, German aeroplanes returned undamaged."

CHINESE REBEL CAUSE ENLISTS FIVE WARSHIPS

Officers and Crews Join Republicans; Canton is Quiet Now

MOVE TO GET U. S. AND BRITAIN ON PEACE SIDE

Shanghai Leaders Think Two Countries Could Induce Yuan to Abdicate

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
SHANGHAI, China, April 10.—Five warships at Canton have joined the rebel cause, their officers and crews deserting the Yuan government.

The government has rescinded its orders that the tenth army division should proceed to Canton, presumably because it is feared the troops are so disaffected they might cause trouble. Shanghai supporters of the republican cause are endeavoring to bring about the retirement of President Yuan by popular pressure.

They are hopeful that the United States and England will induce Yuan to quit in the interests of peace.

AMOY, China, April 10.—Assassination was attempted today of the chief of the military police, a bomb being thrown through the window of his residence. He escaped.

The U. S. S. Cincinnati arrived here today to protect foreigners.

(Special Marconigram to Liberty News.)

SHANGHAI, April 10.—Canton is quiet at this time with the exception of the noise made by the Republicans who are firing firecrackers and making merry over the victory of the Republican forces. Business in Canton has not been affected by the change in the government, and with the exception of the opium business, the city has regained confidence in the Republican party.

The opium traffic is doomed, as the leader of the bureau has been killed, and his followers have decided that the Republic will not stand for the trade in the drug. There are still a few disturbances in the provinces north of Kwangtung, and Hunan may at any time announce its independence of Yuan Shih-kai. With the Republicans in power in Canton, it is not expected that Yuan will make any move to combat the forces there. Regarding the peace situation, it does not look probable until Yuan Shih-kai resigns as president.

COMMISSION FAILS TO SAY WHY GASOLINE HAS INCREASED IN PRICE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 10.—The federal trade commission today presented to Congress preliminary reports on the gasoline price investigation. A mass of statistics on production and prices is the result, but the commission draws no conclusions as to the cause for the price increase.

WANTS \$21,500 FROM CLAUDINE FOR BROKEN ARM

Action for damages in the sum of \$21,500 was filed in the federal court this afternoon by Hong Kim, a Korean, against the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company's steamer Claudine.

The Korean alleges that while employed as a seaman on the Claudine he was ordered to load some ice into the hold and while thus engaged fell and broke an arm, at the same time sustaining other painful injuries.

Marshall J. J. Smiddy has served a copy of the libel on the ship's owners and has placed Manuel Olson aboard the vessel as its custodian. Judge Charles F. Clemons has fixed \$12,000 as the amount of bond necessary for the temporary relief of the Claudine.

BUSINESSMEN DISCUSS HEAVY STREET TRAFFIC

Secretary R. C. Brown of the Chamber of Commerce called a meeting today of the traffic and transportation committee of the chamber to discuss the matter of the extra heavy traffic on King street, especially out in the residence districts. Nothing definite was accomplished, but an exhaustive investigation was decided upon.

The members of the committee are T. H. Petrie, C. G. Ballentyne, C. H. Bellina, J. A. Gilman and A. F. Clark.

A meeting of the supervisors' committee on the memorial to the governor requesting a special session of the legislature will be held at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

LANSING AND BAKER WILL NOT COMMENT ON RUMOR OF "DEAD LINE" SET IN VILLA PURSUIT

Bandit Leader Now Believed Beyond Parral, Two Or Three Days Ahead of Americans, With More Men

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 10.—Categorical denial by Secretary of War Baker that there is any contemplation of a withdrawal of troops from Mexico have not set at rest the rumors that the activities of the U. S. soldiers south of the border are to be limited.

The latest report is that a "dead line" has been set, presumably at the suggestion of the Carranzistas, beyond which the American column is not to go in pursuit of Gen. Villa. Both Secretary Lansing and Secretary Baker refused to comment today on the story that an agreement had been reached to this effect with Carranza.

It is rumored in Washington that no surprise would be occasioned if the Carranzistas should soon set a date when they think the Americans should withdraw, believing that the purpose of the expedition has been accomplished in the defeat and scattering of the Villa forces.

SUBMARINE WAR CONTINUING TO GATHER VICTIMS

Several British Merchant Vessels Sunk But Loss of Life Small

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, Eng., April 10.—Sir Percy Lake, commander of the British forces in Mesopotamia, reports that the British attack on the Turks at Sannayat, below Kut-el-Amara, has failed to break through the Turkish lines.

LONDON, Eng., April 10.—Several more vessels have been sunk by submarines, according to announcements today. The British steamers Silks, worth Hall, Glen Almond, Yonne, Zafra and Eastern City are reported sunk. Three are missing in the torpedoing of the Silksworth Hall.

This afternoon it was announced that the Norwegian steamer Sylvest was sunk by a submarine northwest of Brest, without warning. The crew has reached Cardiff.

LONDON, Eng., April 10.—The British are preparing for a new advance into Mesopotamia, where the relief force along the Tigris is approaching Kut-el-Amara. At the latter place a British force is beleaguered by the Turks.

PARIS, France, April 10.—The Germans today continued their battering attacks both east and west of the Meuse for possession of Dead Man's hill. They were repulsed everywhere except along one stretch of front 500 yards wide. East of the Meuse the Germans gained only small results.

BERLIN, Germany, April 10.—German attacks in the last 24 hours have isolated Bethincourt and two fortified points of the fort southwest. Here the French were cut off, losing 714 men taken prisoners and 15 machine guns. The losses of killed and wounded among the French were considerable.

BRITISH CENSORS NOW OPEN EMBASSY MAILS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
BERLIN, Germany, April 10.—The British censorship has now been extended to the American embassy. A letter addressed to a member of the staff of the embassy has been received marked "Opened by Censor." Incoming mail from America is being greatly delayed by the censorship.

FRENCH EXCHANGE DROPS

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 10.—The rate of French exchange continues to decline, occasioning much attention in financial circles, duplicating the low quotation of 1915. One development which has served to depress the exchange was the heavy offerings of bills which are accepted in payment for the purchase of supplies.

THOMPSON NOMINATION NOT YET ACTED UPON

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 10.—The Senate judiciary committee again today postponed action on the nomination of J. Wesley Thompson to be judge of the third circuit, Hawaii. The committee will meet again on this nomination next Monday. Protests against the confirmation of Mr. Thompson have not yet been received, though they are reported on the way.

C. S. ALBERT.

VILLA BELIEVED NOW TWO OR THREE DAYS IN ADVANCE OF U. S. FORCE

EL PASO, Texas, April 10.—Gen. Villa is believed today to have succeeded in getting beyond Parral, and to be now two or three days ahead of the Americans. Perhaps his destination is Durango City, where he will join 1000 men under the Arrieta brothers.

Gen. Garcia, the Carranza commander across the border, denied today the story that a "dead line" in the pursuit of Villa has been agreed upon.

GEN. FUNSTON BELIEVES CARRANZA AID UNCERTAIN

"That Maj. Gen. Funston is some two sure of the cooperation of the Carranza government is shown in a despatch he recently sent to the war department, which said:

"It is the opinion of Cois. Dodd and Slocum, in which I concur, that unless Villa is relentlessly pursued and his forces scattered he will continue raids. As troops of the Mexican government are accomplishing nothing, and as he can consequently make his preparations and concentrations without being disturbed, he can strike at any point on the border, we being unable to obtain advance information as to his whereabouts."

"If we fritter away the whole command guarding towns, ranches and railroads, it will accomplish nothing if he can find safe refuge across the line after every raid. Although probably not more than a thousand took part in the Columbus raid, he is believed to have about 3000. Even if he should not continue raids, he has entered on a policy of merciless killing of Americans in Mexico."

"To show apathy and gross inefficiency of Mexican government troops, an American woman held prisoner by Villa for nine days, but who escaped in the Columbus fight, states that during all that time he was undisturbed at no great distance from the border, collecting a force of about 3000. The few Carranza troops in the region fled, losing all contact with him and not even informing us as to his whereabouts."

"If it is proposed to take action suggested, I recommend no information be given out in order that we may stand some chance of surprising."

"If desired, I shall personally command. It would be desirable to replace as soon as possible from available cavalry in the United States the cavalry taken from the border."

COL. RIVERS IMPROVES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
COLUMBUS, N. M., April 10.—Lieut. Col. Tyree Rivers, 13th Cavalry, who is seriously ill of pneumonia at Casan Grande, is reported today as improving.

LOGAN IS HELD BACK BY BREEZES; HAS NO MAIL FOR HIS PORT

Delayed probably by fresh northeast winds, the U. S. army transport Logan, which had been expected at noon today from the Orient, was held up to the quartermaster's office this afternoon that she would not arrive until 3 o'clock this afternoon, docking at Pier 6.

The Logan has no passengers or mail for this port, although it was supposed she would bring mail from Manila. She has only seven tons of freight for Honolulu. From this port the transport will take 49 troops, 33 second, and 274 troops, including when she sails at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Freight from Japan and the Philippines will be about 1000 tons.

Additional and overnight telegraph news on Page 9.